

REMARKS

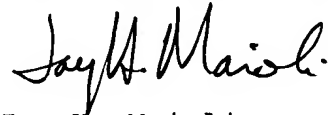
Claims 1 and 2 remain in the application and claims 3-17 have been cancelled, without prejudice or disclaimer.

By the cancellation of claims 3-17, Applicants have effectively selected Group I comprising claims 1 and 2 for examination in this application.

An early and favorable examination on the merits is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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